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SUBJECT: TITO INTERVIEW FOR SWEDISH AND YUGOSLAV TV

REF: STOCKHOLM 1767

1. SWEDISH AND YUGOSLAV RADIO-TV TEAMS EXPECTED TITO TO MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT AFTER HIS MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER PALME ON MARCH 31, BUT ALLEGEDLY WERE SURPRISED WHEN HE AGREED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. ASSUME INTERVIEW AVAILABLE VIA FBIS. ACCORDING TO CONSERVATIVE STOCKHOLM DAILY (SVENSKA DAGBLADET), TITO WAS ASKED ABOUT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CLAIMS THAT OVER 1000 POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE IN YUGOSLAV JAILS. TITO DID NOT QUARREL WITH THE FIGURE OR THE IMPLICATION, BUT REPLIED THAT PRACTICALLY ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE STALINISTS INSPIRED FROM ABROAD, WHOSE ACTIVITIES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

2. TITO WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON "THE AMERICAN DOCTRINE ACCORDING TO WHICH SOVIET DOMINATION IN EASTERN EUROPE REPRESENTS A GUARANTEE FOR PEACE." THIS BROUGHT A LAUGH FROM TITO WHO REPLIED THAT "IN THE EUROPE OF TOMORROW IT WILL BE THE PEOPLE OF EUROPE WHO MAKE THE DECISIONS,"
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AND THAT "NOTHING IN THE AMERICAN DOCTRINE CAN AFFECT

OUR DEALINGS."

3. COMMENT: AS TO THE QUESTION, FEW NOTIONS HAVE AS MUCH CREDIBILITY AMONG EDUCATED SWEDES IN POLITICS AND THE MEDIA AS THE NOTION THAT THE US AND THE USSR TACITLY, WHERE NOT EXPLICITLY FORM A SUPER-POWER CONDONIMUM IN THEIR OWN BEST INTEREST.

4. TITO VISIT PRODUCED NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE. MINIC INTERVIEW, REPORTED SEPARATELY, IDENTIFIES BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES DISCUSSED.
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